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SUBJECT: REACTIONS TO PANMUNJOM INCIDENT

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1. THERE HAS BEEN NO OFFICIAL GOS REACTION TO PANMUNJOM INCIDENT. IN GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED LOCAL MEDIA INCIDENT AND RELATED DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY WERE GIVEN CONSIDERABLE STRAIGHT COVERAGE. THESE STORIES WERE BASED ON WIRE SERVICE AND USIS MATERIALS.

2. AT NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT IN COLOMBO, FOREIGN MINISTER'S SPEECH WAS RELATIVELY MODERATE ON KOREAN QUESTION. AS REPORTED PARA 3 REF AZMMMON KOREAN ISSUE, HE SAID VICTORY OF VIET NAM AND CAMBODIAN PEOPLE AND THEIR ACHIEVING INDEPENDENCE AND UNITY MAKES US LOOK WITH INCREASING HOPE TO KOREAN ISSUE AND NECESSITY OF ITS SETTLEMENT TO MAKE PEACE PREVAIL OVER THAT AREA. HE SAID THE SITUATION IN KOREA WARNS OF DANGER IF THE TWO CONCERNED PARTIES DO NOT AVOID IT BY CONTINUING DIALOGUE TO UNIFY KOREA BY PEACEFUL MEANS AND ON PERMANENT BASIS. THE UN, HE CONCLUDED, SHOULD ASSIST IN CREATING ATMOSPHERE FOR THIS DIALOGUE AFTER WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN
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TROOPS FROM KOREAN LANDS."

3. COMMENT: FONMIN'S SPEECH IS REASONABLY ACCURATE STATEMENT OF CURRENT GOS POLICY ON KOREAN QUESTION IN GENERAL. OVER PAST SEVERAL WEEKS GOS HAS BEEN MAKING MAJOR EFFORT TO IMPROVE ITS RELATIONS WITH US. PRESIDENT NIMEIRI AND SEVERAL OF HIS CABINET MINISTERS VISITED US IN JUNE AND GOVERNMENT IS MAKING STRONG EFFORT TO ATTRACT BOTH USG AND PRIVATE AMERICAN INPUTS TO AMBITIOUS DEVELOPMENT EFFORT. IN THIS ENVIRONMENT, GOS UNLIKELY TO CONSCIOUSLY ANTOGONIZE US OVER ISSUE SUCH AS KOREA. ON OTHER HAND, IT IS NOT YET WILLING TO BACK R.O.K. FULLY. THEREFORE, GOS ATTEMPTS TO AVOID EXTREMES AND, IF POSSIBLE, TO AVOID TAKING POSITION ON SUBJECT ALTOGETHER.
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